



## Young Musician Scheme

LCCB's prime objective is to provide an environment for adults to play together in a wind band. However, it recognises the role it can play in encouraging and developing young musicians, through the opportunity to play in a large, supportive, ensemble. As a result of this LCCB offers a Young Musician Scheme (free membership of LCCB for a year) which enables young musicians to develop their own musicianship whilst enhancing a particular section of the band.

These free places are open to young people who are aged 16 or 17 and can play to at least grade 5 standard. Whilst no maximum number of recipients is set it is expected that the number of young people on the scheme at any time is unlikely to exceed three.

Requests to join the scheme will, in the first instance, be considered by the Musical Director (this may include an audition) who will make a recommendation to the committee. Subject to the agreement of the committee the young person will then be invited along to rehearsals.

Following a successful settling-in period the young person will be invited to join the scheme for a year. During this time the young person will have the opportunity to attend rehearsals and to participate in concerts and other events organised by the band.

Membership of the scheme will be reviewed by the Musical Director and committee at the end of the year, at which point an offer may be made to extend it.

LCCB recognises the importance of supporting music in schools and colleges. To this end, if the young person is in full-time education it is expected that they will continue to support music in their own school/college whilst playing in the band.

### **Interested in participating?**

If you would like more information about this scheme or would like to register your interest in joining it please contact us by email ([leicestercommunityconcertband@gmail.com](mailto:leicestercommunityconcertband@gmail.com)), or alternatively speak directly to our Musical Director or a member of the committee.

Following an invitation to join the scheme a parent/guardian will be asked to complete a form which, in addition to providing contact details, gives their agreement for the young person to participate in the scheme.

### **Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities**

LCCB is committed to safeguarding the well-being of all young people they come into contact with and to protecting them from harm. LCCB has a named safeguarding person who has responsibility for safeguarding issues and this person will be introduced to all young people participating in the scheme. LCCB also has a Safeguarding Policy to which it adheres and is available upon request.

No young person shall be excluded from membership of the scheme on the grounds of any of the protected characteristics recognised by UK law, currently the Equality Act 2010.